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SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF US MARSHALLS TO APPREHEND JOSEF MENGELE

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1. BOTH CHARGE AND STATION RECOMMEND THAT SAO PAULO BE USED BY THE US MARSHALLS SERVICE (USMS) AS A BASE FOR RUNNING OPERATIONS TO CATCH MENGELE. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS BASED UPON OUR PARAGUAYAN PERSPECTIVE FROM WHICH WE CAN SEE THE PARAGUAYAN GOVT PUTTING THE MOST SINISTER INTERPRETATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE USMS IN ARGENTINA, WHICH IS THE CENTER OF PARAGUAYAN OPPOSITION TO THE STROESSNER GOVT. THAT IS, STROESSNER COULD EQUATE THE EFFORTS OF THE USMS IN ARGENTINA AS SUPPORTING PARAGUAYAN OPPOSITION EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW HIS GOVT. WHILE PATENTLY LUDRICOUS, THIS MIGHT SEEM A REASONABLE INTERPRETATION TO STROESSNER. THIS POINT WAS DISCUSSED WITH USMS TEAM DURING ITS VISIT HERE AND WE THOUGHT WE HAD AGREED TO EXCLUDE BUENOS AIRES FOR USE AS THEIR BASE.

2. ANOTHER POINT IN FAVOR OF SAO PAULO IS THAT FOZ DE IGUAZU WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT SITE TO MEET PARAGUAYAN SOURCES. (FOZ DE IGUAZU) IS IN BRAZIL JUST ACROSS FROM (PRESIDENTE STROESSNER) ON THE PARAGUAYAN SIDE. FOZ DE IGUAZU IS IN EFFECT A FREE PORT AND THERE ARE VIRTUALLY NO RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BETWEEN PRESIDENTE STROESSNER AND FOZ DE IGUAZU. THEREFORE A PARAGUAYAN COULD TRAVEL TO PRESIDENTE STROESSNER AND CROSS THE BRIDGE INTO FOZ DE IGUAZU WITHOUT ANY RECORD BEING MADE OF HIS CROSSING THE BORDER. THE USMS WOULD FIND IT EASY TO GET TO FOZ DE IGUAZU FROM SAO PAULO AND A MEETING COULD BE HELD IN FOZ DE IGUAZU FREE FROM HOSTILE OBSERVATION.

3. GIVEN ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS RECOMMEND RECONSIDERATION OF SAO PAULO VICE BUENOS AIRES.

4. BOTH STATION AND CHARGE CONCUR IN USMS USE OF NOMINAL NVABROAD COVER.

5. BOTH STATION AND CHARGE CONCUR IN HAVING USMS DECLARED TO ARGENTINE SERVICE AND OTHER SERVICES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARAGUAYAN SERVICE. IT SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE FULLY REALIZED THAT ONCE THE USMS TEAM IS DECLARED TO THE ARGENTINES THAT THE PARAGUAYANS WILL LEARN OF THE TEAM AND ITS OBJECTIVES. CHARGE THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR THE USMS TO TDY TO ASUNCION THAT SUCH TDY'S BE KEPT TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. HE ALSO REQUESTS THAT IF POSSIBLE SUCH TDYER'S NOT BE THE SAME AS THOSE IN BUENOS AIRES. IN ANY CASE HE ASKS THAT

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SUCH TDY'S BE FULLY COORDINATED WITH NVENGRAM BEFOREHAND. HE AGREES TO NOMINAL NVABROAD COVER FOR ANY TDYER'S.

6. RE SEPARATE BUT RELATED ISSUE, DEPT OF JUSTICE TEAM LED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MARK RICHARDS PLANNING VISIT AREA BEGINNING 8 JULY SHOULD REALIZE THAT STROESSNER MAY NOT BE HERE WHEN DELEGATION ARRIVES. STROESSNER WILL BE IN WEST GERMANY IN JULY (EXACT DATES NOT YET FIRM). JUSTICE TEAM WILL ACCOMPLISH VERY LITTLE IF STROESSNER IS NOT HERE. REQUEST HQS ADVISE JUSTICE OF FOREGOING SO THAT IT MAY BE CRANKED INTO THEIR TRAVEL PLANS.

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